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SENATOR CHAFEE ANNOUNCES \$668,251

FOR STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Funds will be Distributed to RIC and CCRI

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the U.S. Department of Education has informed him that a grant totaling \$668,251 will be distributed to Rhode Island College (RIC) and the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) under the TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) program. The funding will be used by the state colleges to administer programs aimed at increasing the retention and graduation rates of low-income and first generation college students, as well as those with disabilities. It will also foster an institutional climate supportive of academic success, and facilitate transfers from two-year to four-year institutions of higher education.

“As the strain on Rhode Island’s education budget continues to affect its taxpayers, I am pleased this funding will help provide services for low-income and first generation students, assisting them financially as well as academically,” Senator Chafee said. “Under this program, students will be tutored in all aspects of college life, from selecting course curricula to securing enrollment in graduate or professional programs,” he continued.

Of the total award, RIC will receive \$349,592, while the remaining \$318,659 will be given to CCRI. Under SSS, services will be provided at the undergraduate level, and may include:

- Instruction in reading, writing, study skills, and mathematics
- Personal counseling
- Academic advising and assistance in course selection
- Exposure to cultural events and academic programs
- Activities designed to acquaint students with a range of available career options

- Activities designed to assist participants in transferring to four-year institutions
- Mentoring programs
- Assistance in securing admission and financial aid for enrollment in graduate and professional programs

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